

An Easter Lymnal



A Pearl-gray line in the tender East.
Like to a nun new-blessed at prayers
the Dawn came forth from cloister of the Night.
The velvet buds trembled ecstatically
and the birds in the branches of the green trees
twittered minor notes of sweet expectancy.
The paling stars withdrew from stream and lake
their myriad reflections but in the bosom of the waters
grew a steadier light born of the constant skies.
Then suddenly upon the tremulous air broke the mellow chime of bells.
Full, soft and deep the measured tones proclaimed the tidings of great joy.
"I am the resurrection and the life," they seemed to say.
Straightway the Dawn put on a roscate hue and all the chirping birds burst forth in rapturous song.

Then down the dim aisle of a church
fragrant with fair flowers came one to kneel before the altar, chanting thus:

Heart-sick of doubt and heavy-footed I
Creep back to thee, O Master of the days,
A lonely voice beneath the far-stretched sky,
I dust speck blown innumerable ways.

And a voice from the altar answered him:

However shod he yet wins to the goal
Who sees not with the eyes, but with the soul.

Then came another, delicate and frail;
the rustle of fine silken skirts followed her,
but in her eyes great Want had made a home. And thus she prayed:

The rich, deep color of the rose that blushed
At ardent gaze of yester-summer's stars,
'Heath' careless feet to formless dust is crushed—
See on my brow its thorns have left their scars.

And the voice from the altar answered her:

All things through pain return at last to Me,
On every brow the sweat of blood must be.

Another came, tall, high-browed,
stooped and pale with pouring over books
in search of Truth. He, kneeling,
cried aloud:

One year ago the lily springing up
Pushed back the cruel Winter in thy name,
Where now the fragrance of its blessed cup?
Where now the beauty of its sacred flame?

Out of the depths the voice replied:
Still one by one the stones are rolled away;
The lilies fade, the lily is for aye.

And then came one upon whose hand-
some face a cloud of sorrow rested heavily.
Upon the rail he bowed his proud
young head to murmur:

One year ago she knelt beside me here
To kiss the book and murmur "Love is All!"
To-day my soul goes crying far and near—
There is no answer to its wailing call.

Then a great voice filled the church,
and all kneeling there were struck with awe
at sound of it. It said: "This be my answer to all prayers, all doubts, all fears":

The octet buds are on the branches' tips—
Chin thou her kisses died upon her lips?
I come, I go, take all forms for my own,
I love eternal! Love and make no mean.

Then the church was still, and the world was still,
save for the soft inquiring call of a robin in a distant tree top.
And as the devotees passed out of the holy church
the sun came up the East, flooding the earth with glory and making all his own.

Charles Eugene Banks.

THE CUBAN REPUBLIC.

President-Elect Palma Will Be Inaugurated May 20.

Secretary of State Hay Will Arrange For Diplomatic Representation of the United States and Consular Service in Cuba.

Washington, March 26.—May 20, 1902, is the new date fixed for turning over the island of Cuba to its people. The change of date was made, if not at the suggestion, then with the full approval of President-elect Palma and his advisors, Senors Tamaya and Quesada, who were with him at the war department Tuesday. This date should be a memorable one in Cuban history, for it will not only mark the acquisition of full independence, but will be the Cuban inauguration day, it having been determined that President Palma shall be inaugurated on the same day that American control of the island ceases. All but the smallest details of the change in Cuba have been planned and these remaining details were under adjustment at a meeting held at the war department Tuesday. Besides Secretary Root, President Palma and Senors Tamaya and Quesada, Gen. Wood attended. The meeting occurred in the secretary's office. Beside the final selection of May 20 as Cuban independence day, two other important conclusions were reached. The first was that Gen. Wood should, immediately upon his return to Cuba, issue a call convening the first Cuban congress in session on May 10, in order that that body might employ the ten days following that date in supplying any legislation necessary to the assumption of full powers in the island.

The following order was promulgated Tuesday evening: All of the United States troops in Cuba, except 800 men of the coast artillery, are to be brought to the United States as rapidly as transportation facilities will permit between now and May 20. The retention of these artillerymen is for the three batteries of coast artillery. These troops will be in command of Col. Wm. L. Hastings, the artillery corps now on duty at Fort Trumbull, Ct.

The order also directs the use of the entire military department of Cuba and places the territory to be temporarily retained by the United States in the department of the east, commanded by Maj. Gen. Brooke.

Gen. Wood and all the staff officers on duty in Cuba are ordered to report to the adjutant general at Washington for instructions as to their future assignment to duty. It was stated at the war department Tuesday that nothing had yet been settled with regard to the future station of Gen. Wood, but that the matter would be settled before the termination of his duties in Cuba. Gen. Wood left here Wednesday for Havana in order to carry into execution the plans for the transfer of the government. It is understood that president-elect Palma will not go to Havana until the early part of May. His plans are not fully matured and will depend on developments of the near future.

Secretary Root has requested Secretary Hay to arrange for diplomatic representation of the United States in Cuba. Provision for consular service will also be made.

BORACIC PRESERVED MEATS.

The System is More Largely Used in Germany Than in United States.

Berlin, March 26.—The department of agriculture has gathered through the German consuls and special agents samples of a variety of European meat products. From analysis it has been learned that these meats show a general use of borax and that some sausages contain borax in large quantities. A correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung affirms that chemicals are much more largely used in the preservation of meats in Germany than in the United States, because the system of cold storage used in the latter country is little in vogue here.

Death of James Brown.

Salt Lake Utah, March 26.—James Brown, who was with Joseph W. Marshall when the first discovery of gold was made in California in January, 1848, died at his home in this city Tuesday, aged 73 years. Mr. Brown was a member of the "Seventies" and a patriarch of the Mormon church. He left 21 children and 125 grand children.

Fixed Rates on Coal.

Toledo, O., March 26.—There was a meeting of the Ohio Coal Traffic association in this city Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of fixing rates on coal for tugs and steamships at the Toledo harbor. An advance of two and one-half cents was agreed upon, making the rates of 65 cents from the Massillon district, 90 cents from the Hocking district.

Chinamen Deported.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 26.—Deputy United States Marshal Strum left Buffalo with 25 Chinamen, who have been sentenced to deportation to their native land. The Celestials will be taken to Boston, thence by boat to New Orleans and by rail to San Francisco.

Suicided in a Church Hall.

Chicago, March 26.—Henry Jilison, world renowned 20 years ago as an aeronaut, committed suicide here in a hallway of the First Methodist church. Jilison lost his fortune in a World's fair venture in 1892.

Reduced Rates to the West.

Commencing March 1st and daily thereafter, until April 30th, 1902, the Wisconsin Central Ry. will sell Settlers' tickets from Chicago to points in Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, at greatly reduced rates. For detailed information inquire of nearest Ticket Agent or address T. D. CAMPBELL, 218 Pike Building, Cincinnati, O., or JAS. C. POPE, General Passenger Agent, Milwaukee, Wis. (31jan-tapr25)

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3:40	6	50	Frankfort "A" . . . Ar	11	20	7
4:07	10	54	Steadmantown . . . " "	11	07	7
4:27	14	58	Elkhorn . . . " "	11	00	8
4:47	18	62	Switzer . . . " "	11	00	8
4:57	22	66	Stamping Ground . . . " "	11	00	8
5:07	26	70	Duval . . . " "	11	00	8
5:17	30	74	Elkhorn . . . " "	11	00	8
5:27	34	78	Georgetown . . . " "	11	00	8
5:37	38	82	U Depot "B" . . . " "	11	00	8
5:47	42	86	Newtown . . . " "	11	00	8
5:57	46	90	Centerville . . . " "	11	00	8
6:07	50	94	Elkhorn . . . " "	11	00	8
6:17	54	98	Paris . . . " "	11	00	8
6:27	58	102	U Depot "C" . . . " "	11	00	8
6:37	62	106				